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SUBJ: SECRETARY ROMULO SPEECH

1. FONSEC ROMULO DELIVERED SPEECH TO PHILIPPINE AMBASSADORS' ASSOCIATION JULY 22 ON "FATEFUL DECISIONS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY." COPY OF SPEECH BEING POUCHED EA/PHL. HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECH FOLLOW.

2. FATEFUL DECISION. ROMULO SAID THERE ARE TWO FUNDAMENTAL REALITIES--CONTINUING BIG POWER POLITICS AND EMERGING POWER OF COLLECTIVITY. MULTIPLICITY OF POLES IN CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS OFFERS PHILIPPINES MORE OPTIONS. PHILIPPINES HAS MADE "FATEFUL DECISION" TO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THIRD WORLD AND TO "CAST OURSELVES ADRIFT FROM ANY DOMINANT POWER." IT IS SAFE TO PREDICT A POLICY OF "MULTIPLE ALIGNMENTS" WILL NOW ENSUE AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

2. ASEAN. PHILIPPINES SEEKS MORE LIVELY INTERCOURSE WITH ITS OWN KIND, I.E. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND TURNS TO ASEAN AS "A MOST VIABLE STEP IN THIS GREAT MOVEMENT." ASEAN COULD BECOME EXCELLENT VEHICLE TO RELATE WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND WORLD-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE EEC, COMECON, AND OPEC. WE MUST EXPECT MANEUVERS BY "SOME POWERS" TO GAIN POSITIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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STRENGTH IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION. ASEAN GIVES US TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN PLAYING GAME OF COUNTERING THESE MANEUVERS.

3. THIRD WORLD UNITY. UNITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATED IN RECENT YEARS. FIRST SHOT WAS FIRED BY OPEC; SINCE THEN, THIRD WORLD HAS BEEN CHALLENGING ECONOMIC HEGEMONY OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

IN VARIOUS WAYS. PERHAPS SOME DAY THIRD WORLD WILL BECOME MORE THAN AN ECONOMIC ASPIRATION, BUT ENTIRELY NEW WAY OF LIFE, CREATING ITS OWN STANDARDS FOR WHAT IS GOOD AND JUST. PHILIPPINES EXPECTS TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THESE "FORWARD ADVANCES."

4. JAPAN'S ROLE. AT PRESENT IT IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST THAT JAPAN CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC ROLE VIS A VIS REST OF ASIA. IF JAPAN PLAYS THIS ROLE WELL, THERE IS NO REASON TO FEAR HER DOMINANCE.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS. IN AN AGE WHEN MANY NATIONS ARE HELPLESS AGAINST "RAPCITIES" OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, SOME SPEAK OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS. INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS ARE RIGHTS OF ENTIRE NATIONS AND RACES. MOST IMPORTANT TASK FACING MANKIND IS TO DISCOVER THE MANNER BY WHICH INTERNATIONAL MORALITY CAN HOLD SWAY AMONG ALL, AND KEEP THE RAPACIOUS IN CHECK. STULL

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